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SUBJ: ECAFE: PLENARY SESSION CONSIDERATION OF WORLD
FERTILIZER FUND

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1. IN PLENARY SESSION APRIL 4, ECAFE ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS
RESOLUTION ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD FERTILIZER FUND".
DRAFT RESOLUTION HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED PREVIOUS DAY
IN WORKING GROUP AND SO THERE WERE ONLY THREE SPEAKERS DURING
PLENARY CONSIDERATION. SRI LANKA INTRODUCED MEASURE,
FOLLOWING SAME LINE USED BY PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE
WHEN SHE MADE PROPOSAL FOR FERTILIZER FUND DURING OPENING
DAY CEREMONIES. PRC COMMENTED IT FAVORRED RESOLUTION, BUT
WANTED TO NOTE ITS VIEWS THAT CAUSE OF PROBLEMS SUCH AS
THOSE RELATED TO FERTILIZER SHOULD BE TIED TO IMHJIALISM
AND SUPERPOWERS. CONCLUDED THAT SUCH RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
SHOULD BE "MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING MONEY" TO FERTILIZER
FUND.

2. US DELEGATE WELCOMED SRI LANKA' SINIATIVE, BUT SAID HE
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WANTED TO NOTE OUR CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS IN OPERATIVE PARA

REFERRING TO WORLD FERTILIZER FUND (SEE BELOW). HE SAID WE UNDERSTOOD THAT FACT THIS PROPOSAL BEING MADE TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WOULD IN NO WAY LIMIT CONSIDERATION BY THAT CONFERENCE OF OTHER SCHEMES WHICH MIGHT BE RELATED TO SAME WORLDWIDE PROBLEM. CHAIRMAN COMMENTED HE THOUGH THAT WAS FAIR INTERPRETATION.

3. IN REPLY LAST PARA REFTEL, SPONSORS OF FERTILIZER FUND RESOLUTION WERE SRI LANKA, INDONESIA, NEPAL, THAILAND, INDIA AND PHILIPPINES. TO SHOW VIEWPOINT OF THESE SPONSORS AND OTHERS, BEST WAY IS TO READ OPERATIVE PARA OF ORIGINAL SRI LANKA DRAFT AND COMPARE IT WITH SAME PARA IN ACCEPTED RESOLUTION. PARTLY BECAUSE NO ONE WANTED TO HURT HOST GOVT, SENSE OF FIRST DRAFT WAS KEPT, BUT WITHOUT MANY OF THE SPECIFICS:

4. SRI LANKA DRAFT PARA FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: CALLS UPON ECAFE TO CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES, INTERESTED GOVTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHING A WORLD FERTILIZER FUND WHICH WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO PROVIDE GRANTS AND SHORT- AND MEDIUM-TERM CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER, TO ARRANGE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FERTILIZER IN BULK AND TO FORMULATE A SCHEME FOR INVESTMENT GRANTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXPANDING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION CAPACITY. UNQTE

5. ACCEPTED PARA WAS BASED ON INITIAL US OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFICS OF THE ABOVE PARA AND THEN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING NEW ZELAND WORDS:

QUOTE: CALLS UPON THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITH THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE ADVISORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN 1974, CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHING A WORLD FERTILIZER FUND TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PROCURE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES AND TO HELP EXPAND FERTILIZER PRODUCTION. UNQTE

6. ONLY OTHER CHANGE ACCEPTED IN SRI LANKA DRAFT WAS BASED ON

PRC POINT THAT "ALL" ECAFE REGIONAL MEMBERS WERE NOT SUFFERING FROM CURRENT AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS AND SO THE ADJECTIVE SHOULD BE "MANY. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THIS WAS MEANT TO MEAN THAT AT LEAST ONE OF EXCEPTIONS WAS PRC ITSELF.

7. ONLY OTHER NOTEWORTHY REACTION DURING WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION OF FERTILIZER FUND CAME FROM INDIA, A SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION, INDIA DELEGATE GENERALLY AGREED WITH POINT US MADE ORIGINALLY IN PLENARY SESSION, I.E. PROBLEM IS NOT JUST MATTER OF ORGANIZING FUND, BUT ALSO ONE OF INCREASING PRESENT LIMITED WORLD SUPPLY.
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